

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant originally submitted Claims 1-21 in the application. The Applicant has amended Claims 1, 8 and 15. No claims have been canceled or added. Accordingly, Claims 1-21 are currently pending in the application.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-17 and 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-17 and 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,668,852 to Holmes. The Applicant respectfully disagrees since Holmes does not teach providing ancillary page information for use in a paging network that includes deriving party identification information ancillary to a page request received by a page call-center, wherein the party identification information includes a call-back number identified from a priority list, and automatically transmitting at least some of the party identification information to a pager associated with a paged party. (Claims 1, 8 and 15).

Holmes is directed to automatically providing information associated with a telephone caller to a paging system when the caller directs a call to a pager. (Column 1, lines 11-15). Preferably, the associated information includes the caller's telephone number. (Abstract). The caller's telephone number, however, is not identified from a priority list. Instead, the caller's telephone number is identified using automatic number identification (ANI) technology or the caller may be prompted to input the telephone number. (Column 3, line 64 to Column 4, line 41). Holmes, therefore, does not teach a call-back number identified from a priority list as recited in Claims 1, 8 and 15.

Since Holmes does not teach each and every element of independent Claims 1, 8 and 15, Holmes is not an anticipating reference for Claims 1, 8 and 15 and Claims dependent thereon. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the §102 rejection with respect to Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-17 and 19-21 and issue allowance thereof.

II. Rejection of Claims 4-7, 11-14 and 18-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 4-7, 11-14 and 18-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Holmes in view of: U.S. Patent No. 5,592,531 to Chen, U.S. Patent No. 5,940,740 to Aas or U.S. Patent No. 6,044,247 to Taskett for Claims 4, 11 and 18; Taskett or U.S. Patent No. 6,278,862 to Henderson for Claims 5, 12 and 19; Taskett or U.S. Patent No. 6,192,218 to Laufmann for Claims 6, 13 and 20; and U.S. Patent No. 5,742,668 to Pepe for Claims 7, 14 and 21.

As discussed above, Holmes does not teach providing ancillary page information for use in a paging network that includes deriving party identification information ancillary to a page request received by a page call-in center, wherein the party identification information includes a call-back number identified from a priority list as recited in Claims 1, 8 and 15. Furthermore, Holmes does not suggest deriving party identification information ancillary to a page request received by a page call-in center, wherein the party identification information includes a call-back number identified from a priority list. Instead, Holmes teaches a calling party's telephone number may be determined via ANI or may be entered by the calling party. Holmes, therefore, does not teach or suggest each and every element of independent Claims 1, 8 and 15.

Cheng, Aas, Taskett, Henderson, Laufmann and Pepe do not cure the deficiency of Holmes. Regarding Cheng, Aas and Taskett, none teach or suggest deriving party identification information

ancillary to a page request received by a page call-in center, wherein the party identification information includes a call-back number identified from a priority list. Instead, each one has been cited to teach voice recognition of input from a paging party as an alternative to input by DTMF. (Examiner's Action, page 4). More specifically, Cheng is directed to a selective call communication system that uses voice data entry. (Abstract). Cheng does not explicitly address call-back telephone numbers and, more specifically, does not teach or suggest a call-back number identified from a priority list. Aas is directed to a messaging system that allows verification whether a message has been sent. (Abstract). Like Cheng, Aas does not teach or suggest a call-back number identified from a priority list. Taskett is directed to a wireless paging system that facilitates connection by a subscriber to a call controller using a prepaid telephone card. (Column 1, lines 5-9). Taskett, like Aas and Cheng, does not teach or suggest party identification information including a call-back number identified from a priority list. Instead, Taskett teaches that a paging party enters a phone number when calling. (Abstract).

Regarding Henderson, Henderson has been cited to teach caller information with location (Examiner's Action, pages 4-5) and is directed to an improved communication system that more efficiently and accurately handles interactions with page-originating communicants. (Column 1, lines 59-64). Henderson does not teach or suggest a call-back number identified from a priority list. Instead, in Henderson, the telephone number of the page-originating communicant may be entered by the communicant or identified by caller-identification. (Column 9, line 48 to Column 10, line 2). Laufmann has been cited to teach caller information stored in a database (Examiner's Action, page 5) and is directed to transmitting and identifying predetermined calling party information as part of a messaging signal. (Abstract). Laufmann does not teach or suggest a call-back number

identified from a priority list but, instead, teaches a single telephone number for a calling-party is stored in a database. (Column 3, lines 28-33). Pepe has been cited to disclose various mobile communication subscribers (Examiner's Action, pages 5-6) and is directed to a personal communications internetwork that provides a subscriber with the ability to remotely control the receipt and delivery of wireless and wireline electronic text messages. (Abstract). Pepe teaches that the subscribers message receipt and delivery options are maintained in a database that the subscriber may update. (Abstract). Pepe, however, like Henderson and Laufmann, do not teach or suggest party identification information including a call-back number identified from a priority list.

Thus, Holmes, Cheng, Aas, Taskett, Henderson, Laufmann or Pepe, individually or in combination, fail to teach or suggest each and every element of independent Claims 1, 8 and 15 and, therefore, does not provide a *prima facie* case of obviousness for Claims 1, 8 and 15 and Claims dependent thereon. Accordingly, Claims 4-7, 11-14 and 18-21 are not obvious and the Applicant respectfully request the Examiner withdraw the §103(a) rejection and issue allowance thereof.

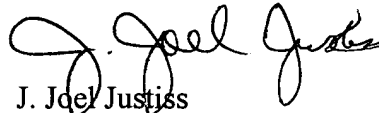
II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicant now sees all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicits a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-21.

The Applicant requests the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

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